



Investigations Strategy

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| 1. Adopt relevant law enforcement portions from the Tool Kit, as a matter of policy | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the Tool Kit in order to determine what practices and processes fit. 2. Compare results of the review to assessment findings. 3. Create implementation steps for each category selected from the Tool Kit and identified in the Assessment. 4. Decide if a pilot is appropriate or needed. 5. Determine any training needs to implement new bench marks. 6. Design training 7. Create an instrument to measure the effectiveness of the action plan components. 8. Make revisions to training as necessary. | <p>Lead: SPD Domestic Violence Unit</p> <p>Begin January 2005; end December 2006</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evaluation report on SPD practices and processes vs. Tool Kit. ▪ Report on post-training assessment to record how processes have changed, or if they have. ▪ Analysis of findings. ▪ Revisions to procedures. ▪ Training plan and evaluation. | <p>SPD DV Unit Staff</p> <p>Trainer: .25 FTE (HSD)</p> |
| 2. Continue to provide on-going training to front-line officers and supervisors to produce thorough investigative follow-through. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess completeness of reports through a review process to be determined for training purposes. 2. Analyze new training approaches to correspond to information gleaned from reports. 3. Determine what areas of training need special attention and make appropriate changes. 4. Design evaluation process to see that new approach) is successful. | <p>Lead: SPD Domestic Violence Unit</p> <p>Begin March 2005; on-going</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report on monitoring process and results. ▪ Final report on findings and recommendations. ▪ Revised training plan and content. | <p>SPD DV Unit Staff</p> <p>Trainer: .1 FTE (HSD)</p> |



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| 3. Comply with Washington State Resolution 6161, Domestic Violence by Law Enforcement Officers, to assure that policies/procedures are in place and adequate training is provided to all officers regarding officers involved in domestic violence cases. | 1. Follow the guidelines SPD has established for conducting domestic violence investigations as outlined in Procedures and Tactics Publication 030 and comply with all State and City law with regard to how investigations shall be conducted. 2. Comply with the training requirements set forth to the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) on domestic violence by law enforcement officers. | Lead: SPD Begin January 2005; end June 2005 Lead: SPD Begin Training Design June 2005; Training begins October 2005; end June 2006; ongoing for new employees | ▪ Policy. ▪ Training and evaluation report, | SPD Advanced Training Unit |
| 4. Implement an improved report writing and accountability system that fosters completion of all fields in reports, with supervisor oversight. | 1. Design and deliver training on report writing. 2. Create a pilot to assess the use of the new system. 3. Make appropriate changes to training. | Lead: SPD Begin January 2007; end | ▪ Review on qualitative supervisory coaching experiences. | Existing SPD Resources |



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| | 4. Work with administrative staff on how to coach officers on use of new system. 5. Create a process for coaching officers who need extra assistance. 6. Provide appropriate coaching training to supervisors on how to provide all necessary feedback. | December 2009 | | | |
| 5. Improve arrest rate in domestic violence cases when the suspect is "gone on arrival." | 1. Improve investigative techniques in gone-on-arrival situations. 2. Replicate gone on arrival model. 3. Incorporate training into on-line bulletins, roll-call training, video CD and through the use of other training tools. | Lead: SPD Domestic Violence Unit Begin January 2007; end October 2009 Lead SPD Domestic Violence Unit Begin October 2007; end January 2008 Lead: SPD Domestic Violence Unit Begin April 2008; on-going | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Statement on four-hour arrest rule. ▪ Procedures for gone on arrival. ▪ Procedures for pilot. ▪ Report on pilot findings. ▪ Report on model. ▪ Training plan. ▪ Write training approaches and materials. ▪ Evaluation summation report. | Funding for "Gone on Arrival" model* | Training Video* (\$3,000) |



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| 6. Evaluate misdemeanor follow-up needs. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set criteria for misdemeanor detective follow up. 2. Determine number of cases that fit criteria against number of cases resources can support for follow up. 3. Monitor impact of efficiencies created once new online reporting system is operating. | <p>Lead: SPD Domestic Violence Unit</p> <p>Begin June 2007; end June 2008</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Criteria established. ▪ Report on case numbers served. ▪ Report on impact of reporting system. | |
| Expected Outcomes | | | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased documentation in domestic violence incident reports from patrol. 2. Increased supervision of domestic violence incident reports. 3. Compliance with Washington Resolution 6161. 4. Increased arrest of suspects who are gone at arrival. 5. Improved misdemeanor follow-up. | | | | |